

PRELUDE

We stand.

OPENING HYMN “The Church’s One Foundation” 644

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 41:13; 48:1a, 12–14; 79:9, 13

P Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,

C from everlasting to everlasting!

P Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

C Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,
consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,

P that you may tell the next generation

C this is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.

P Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name;
deliver us, and atone for our sins, for Your name’s sake!

C We, Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give
thanks to You forever; from generation to generation we
will recount Your praise.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P Beloved in the Lord, our gracious God invites us to confess our
sins and to receive His gracious forgiveness. With true
repentance, let us come before Him, confident that He will hear
us in the name of and for the sake of Jesus Christ.

C Almighty God, we acknowledge our sinfulness. We are by
nature sinful and unclean. We repent of our sins in thought,
word and deed. In Your mercy, forgive us. Create in us
clean hearts, O God, that we may serve You as Your
redeemed people now and forever.

P Because of the sacrifice of His beloved Son for the sins of all people, God has promised His forgiveness to those who repentantly come before Him. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Live as the saints that you are in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

KYRIE

“Kyrie! God, Father”

942

Ky - ri - e! God, Fa - ther in heav'n a - bove, You a - bound in gra - cious love,
 Of all things the mak - er and pre - serv - er. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!
 Ky - ri - e! O Christ, our king, Sal - va - tion for all You came to bring.
 O Lord Je - sus, God's own Son, Our me - di - a - tor at the heav'n - ly throne:
 Hear our cry and grant our sup - pli - ca - tion. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!
 Ky - ri - e! O God the Ho - ly Ghost, Guard our faith, the
 gift we need the most, And bless our life's last hour, That we leave this
 sin - ful world with glad - ness. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!

HYMN OF PRAISE

“All Glory Be to God on High”

947



1 All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks for all His
 2 We praise and laud and wor - ship You; We give You thanks for -
 3 O Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son Be - got - ten of the
 4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, our de - light And source of con - so -



fa - vor; No harm can touch or ter - ri - fy A
 ev - er, O Fa - ther, for Your rule is true And
 Fa - ther, Your sav - ing death has made us one With
 la - tion, Pro - tect us from the dev - il's might Through



child of God for - ev - er. God shows His good and
 just and chang - es nev - er. With bound - less pow'r, Your
 God and with each oth - er. O Lamb of God, to
 Je - sus, our sal - va - tion, Who by His death up -



gra - cious will And grants His peace, the world to fill—
 might - y reign Ful - fills what - ev - er You or - dain.
 You on high In our dis - tress we sin - ners cry,
 on a tree Has res - cued us from mis - er - y:



All strife at last has end - ed.
 Lord, grant us ev - 'ry bless - ing!
 Have mer - cy on us, a - men!
 To this we hold for - ev - er.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

A The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

A Let us pray.

C Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We sit.

ANTHEM

“If God Is For Us”

Allen Pote

FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6–7

L This is the Word of the Lord.

Pew Bible pg. 1320

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 46

L God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

L though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble
at its swelling.

C **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

L God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will
help her when morning dawns.

C **The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice,
the earth melts.**

L The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

C **Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought
desolations on the earth.**

L He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow
and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

C **“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among
the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”**

L The LORD of hosts is with us;

C **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19–28

L This is the Word of the Lord.

Pew Bible pg. 1197

C **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



Cantor: Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. (refrain)

HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

Pew Bible pg. 1138

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Gospel is read.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” 657

We sit.

SERMON “The Truth Will Set You Free” Rev. Dr. David Ludwig

We stand.

CREEDAL HYMN “We All Believe in One True God” 953

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

AGNUS DEI



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“O Lord, We Praise Thee” 617

“God Loves Me Dearly” 392

“I Lie, O Lord, within Your Care” 885

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE